Subject: Re: Chat with Barrett Brown
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Look how long it takes for one of your favorite Fox News Fag Friends to get to the fucking point of his beating-'round-the-fucking-bush point.

These high stakes have attracted a lot of attention to the California case of *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*. But not enough attention – in fact, almost none – has been paid to one very troubling aspect of the case.

This is the question of the judge's bias due to his possible interest in which side wins the case.

Judge Vaughan Walker has surprised just about everyone with his unorthodox handling of the Prop. 8 trial.

Supporters describe him as iconoclastic and creative. Those less enamored have charged him with turning the proceedings into a sensationalized show-trial.

Both sets of observers could probably agree with the explanation offered by conservative commentator Ed Whelan who has observed that Walker has been determined from the outset "to use the case to advance the cause of same-sex marriage."

I do not doubt that Judge Walker made up his mind about Prop 8 before the trial began.

But that is not the bias that has received too little attention.

Battalions of commentators have wondered about his bizarre handling of the case, and many have attributed it to Walker's belief that it is unjust for the law to limit marriage to opposite-sex couples.

Nor is the neglected bias related to the fact that (as several newspapers have reported) the judge is openly gay.

On Wed, Aug 4, 2010 at 5:40 PM, Barrett Brown <barriticus@gmail.com> wrote:

> **These messages were sent while you were offline.**
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> 5:40 PM **Barrett**: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BattleTech_Centers